

51 MURDERS BLAMED ON DEATH GANG

Eight Under Arrest Following Barber's Confession of American "Camorra."

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Doomed by the American branch of the Sicilian Camorra to be "roasted to death" because he knew too much, Bartolomeo Fontano, safe in prison, was today directing New York detectives to the men he claims responsible for fifty-one secret killings on the Atlantic seaboard and as far West as Detroit. Fontano himself admits several murders, including one on July 30, at Avon, N. J.

Eight Are Arrested.

Eight men, alleged leaders of the Bonventro gang, which Fontano claims is the American branch of the Camorra, which has its headquarters in Palermo, Italy, are in custody and more arrests are expected momentarily.

At the command of a chief in Palermo, Fontano says he murdered Carmillo Calozzo on July 30. He was told that unless he killed Calozzo, accused of the murder of the brother of one of the Camorra chieftains, he would be killed himself, he says.

Marked for Death.

Following the death of Calozzo, Fontano was told by a fellow member of the same "mysterious fifteen" that he had been marked for death as one who knew too much, and that he was to be roasted alive in a Brooklyn bake shop. Hoping for safety only in some "good prison," Fontano notified Captain Fiaschetti, head of the New York Italian squad, that he had important information to communicate. Captain Fiaschetti met Fontano on a Broadway corner, where the self-confessed murderer gave himself up.

Immediately following the arrest of Fontano, telegrams were sent by police to the scenes of many unsolved murders. The first arrest came at Avon, N. J., where Salvatore Gigrano was captured by Police Chief Cook. Gigrano is accused of operating a murder farm for the Bonventro gang. It was on this farm that Fontano says he shot and killed Calozzo, who had been lured to the farm to "shoot ducks."

Those Arrested.

The men arrested are charged with complicity in the death of Calozzo. They are:

Stefano Magadino, 30, of Brooklyn; Bartomeo di Gregorio, a baker; Vito Boncentro, 46, a bootmaker; Giuseppe Lombardi, 40, a barber; Mariano Galante, 30, a painter; Francisco Tuma, 27. The gang is said to be organized here in groups of fifteen and to have nearly half a million dollars in cash for the defense of members who are arrested in connection with its murders.

Forty members of the groups are known, police said today, and the arrest of men said to be responsible for recent, mysterious killings is scheduled to take place in a raid upon the Italian quarter, the time of which has not yet been announced. Meanwhile, every effort is being made to see that none of the wanted

MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE FIGHTS DIVORCE SUIT



MRS. BESSIE SCHMITT ELMAN.

A mother's love for her children—a love that commands her to fight to hold their affection and their faith in the sanctity of motherhood—is the compelling influence behind the counter-charges that Mrs. Bessie Schmitt Elman, of Syracuse, prepared to press against her millionaire husband, Samuel Elman, manufacturer of clothing. So say close friends of Mrs. Elman who have rallied about the well-known leader in charities and social circles. The next chapter in the Elman case will be written in Boston as, by order of Justice Cheney, Attorney Frank B. Hodges will go there to hear witnesses in support of Mrs. Elman's new allegations.

men escape. The whole of "little Italy" is honeycombed with police agents, many of them disguised as immigrants and pushcart peddlers. Following Fontano's trembling confession, Captain Fiaschetti went with him to the Grand Central station, where, disguised as an immigrant, Fiaschetti overheard a conversation

PUTS SPEEDERS IN SAME CLASS AS MURDERERS

Secretary of Juvenile Protective Society Says They Escape Too Lightly.

What's to be done about the speed demon?

Behind a high-powered motor, going full speed, leaving a cloud of dust behind him and killing all the chickens in the road, this type of auto driver presents one of the most vexing problems of the age. During the past year alone, in Washington 4,853 casualties resulted from collisions of motor vehicles with pedestrians or other vehicles, according to figures compiled by the traffic bureau of the police department.

"The speed demon should be held strictly accountable when his car runs over a pedestrian causing death," says Mrs. Edna K. Bushee, secretary of the Juvenile Protective Association, who has her own views on the subject.

"He should be placed under arrest like any other type of murderer and a charge of manslaughter placed against him. He should be given a trial like any other criminal and if found guilty given the maximum penalty."

"The ruthless driver and the murderer are all in the same class according to my way of thinking," continued Mrs. Bushee. "Is there any difference in killing in this way and with a gun?"

Just the other day a little four-year-old boy was run over and killed by an automobile while playing near his home. His name was Dawson Maruder, of Capitol View, Md. A coroner's jury called to investigate rendered a verdict of "unavoidable accident."

Get Off Too Easy.

"These speed demons get off too easy," continued Mrs. Bushee. They go in, pay a fine, and that's the end of it to them. But not to the mother who has lost her child."

The penalty of colliding or running into a pedestrian or other vehicle in the District of Columbia is \$40 fine, if found unavoidable, and \$400 fine or one year in prison, or both, if found guilty of criminal negligence.

Mrs. Bushee is inclined to believe that this method of dealing with the so-called speed demon is too mild and ineffective. She thinks that this offense should be taken more seriously in the catalogue of crime and placed in the same class with murder.

Visitors coming to Washington say they have never seen such reckless drivers in any city in the United States. Negro truck drivers are especially the subject of their comment. One woman, who has made a close study of the problem, said she thought it was the wide streets in the National Capital that caused reckless driving. The wide sweep of avenues and streets, she believes, are a temptation to the speeder.

There are many types of auto drivers. There is the careful driver, the careless driver, and the over-careful driver. Mrs. Bushee does not refer to these careful types, she wishes it to be clearly understood. She deals entirely with the speed driver.

All-Around Menace.

"The speed demon is not only a danger to the pedestrian," but to the careful driver as well," continued Mrs. Bushee, taking up another phase of the question. "We were driving down a steep incline the other evening and going very slowly and when we reached the bottom, another car whizzed by us at the cross road going full speed. And if it hadn't been for careful driving on our part there would have been a collision. The fast car was driven by a girl with bobbed hair, and she was going so fast that the breeze blew her hair back."

"The children playing in the streets present a problem, and on this score I am inclined to be sympathetic with the motorist. Of course, the street is no place for the child to play. Deaths resulting from collisions with children on the streets can be laid to the parents as much as the motorist. In most cases of this kind, it is usually found that a child disregarded the honk or failed to even see the car."

Mal. Harry A. Gessford, superintendent of police, is doing all in his power to reduce the number of accidents by collisions of motor vehicles. One of the new regulations requires that all drivers in accidents or collisions must report it to the police department or nearest policeman.

During the past year over 3,000 accidents resulting in minor injuries were reported. Major Gessford believes this does not indicate an increase in number, but attributes it to the fact that for the first time report is being made of these accidents.

GIRL TRIES SUICIDE WHEN MOTHER BANS NIGHT LIFE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Rather than promise her mother to come home early every night, pretty sixteen-year-old Marian O'Leary, of Oradell, N. J., attempted suicide yesterday.

Prices realized on Swift & Company sales of carcasses of beef in Washington, D. C., for week ending Saturday, August 13, 1921, on shipments sold out, ranged from 19 cents to 17.50 cents per pound and averaged 13.47 cents per pound.

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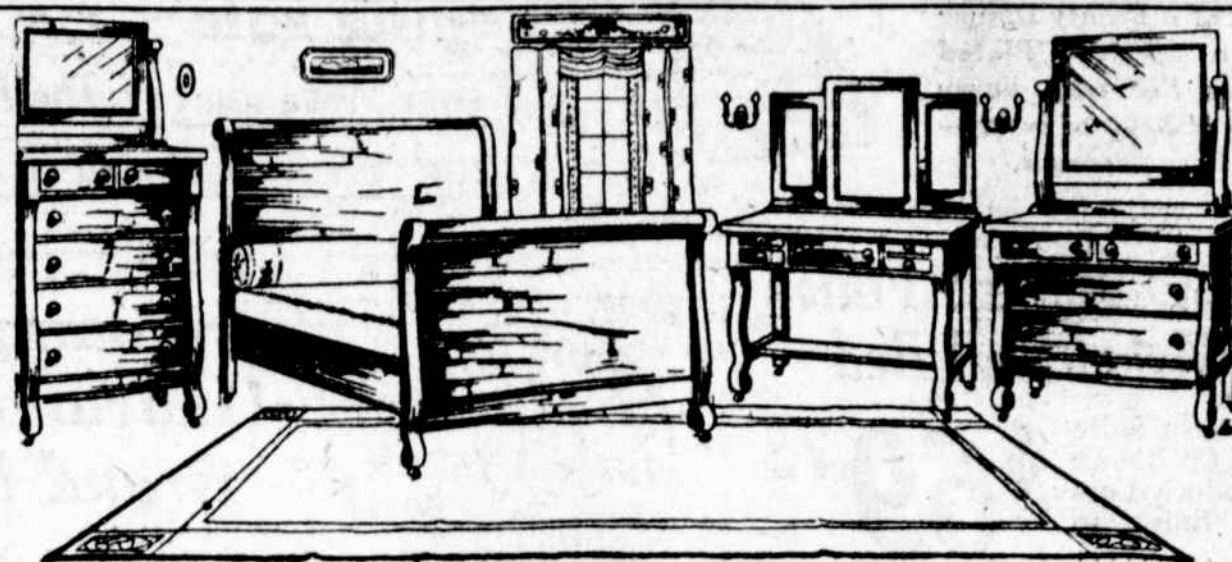
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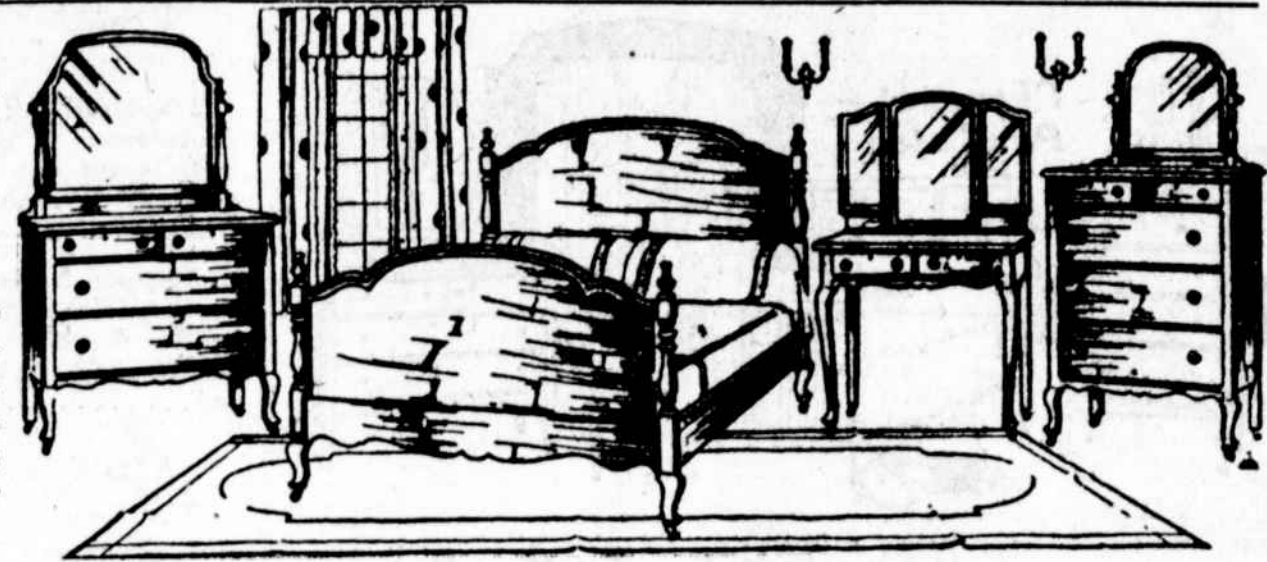


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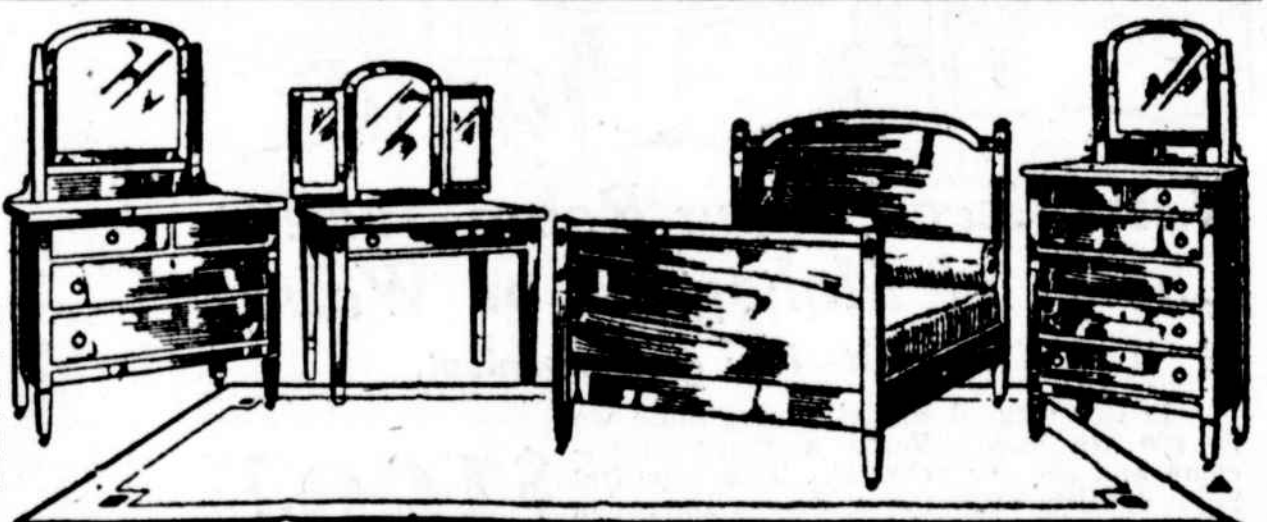


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These four pieces in a pattern of the Louis XIV period are of highly polished mahogany finish, with ornamental drawer handles in gilt. The Chiffonette is very spacious; large mirror in Dresser, with triple mirrors in Dressing Table.

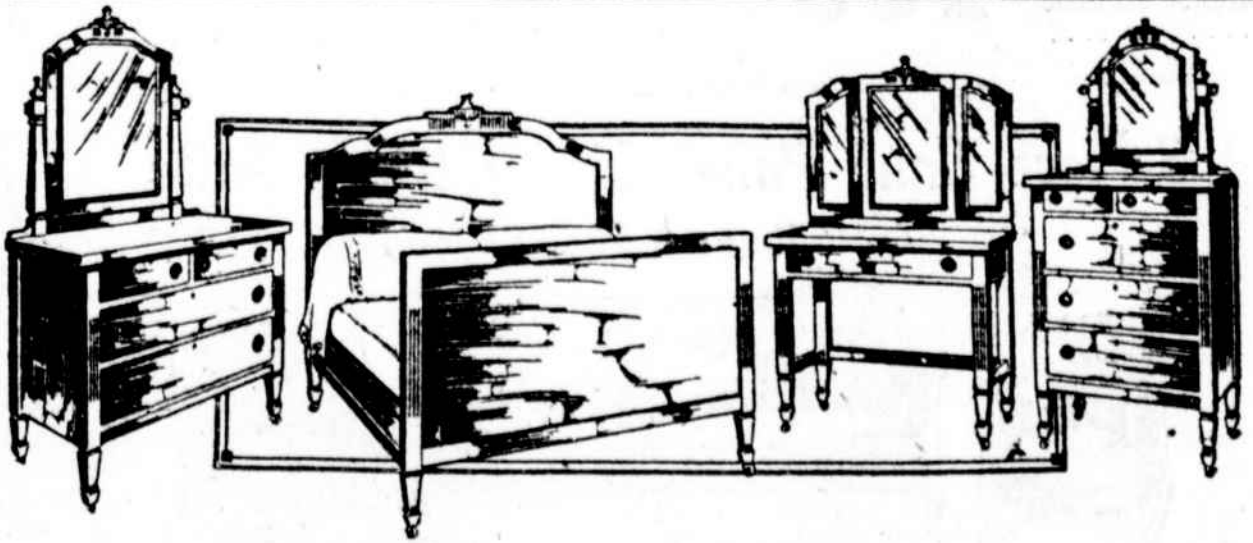
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Four-piece Suites in this Louis XVI pattern of either American Walnut or mahogany finish, with shell decoration in wreath design. The heavy French plate mirrors in all pieces are much larger than are shown by the illustration.



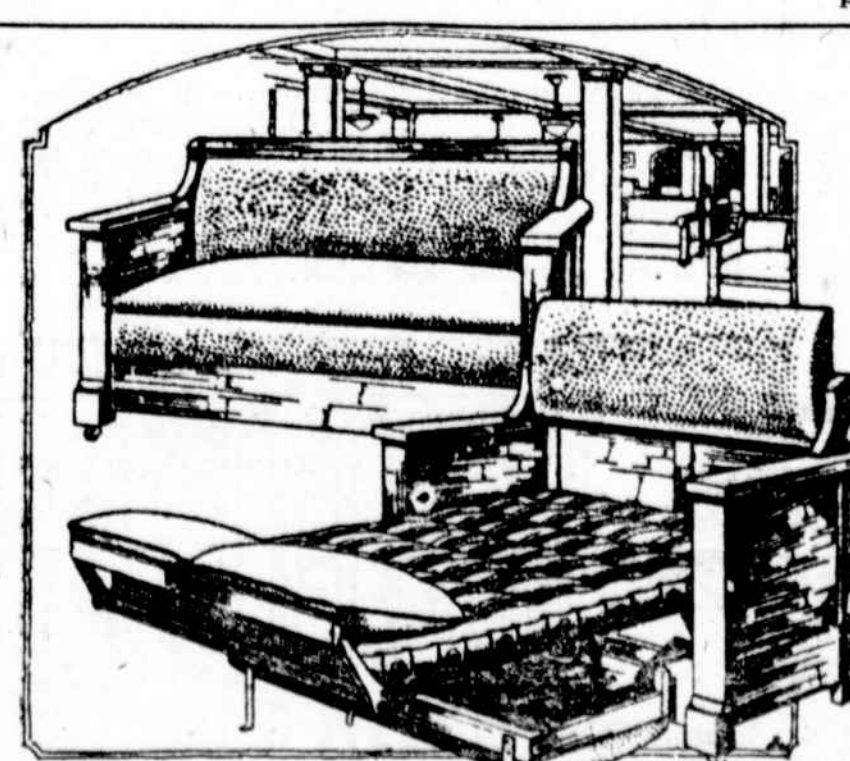
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